



Sovereign Grace Church

January 7th, 2023

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood.”

(Acts 20:28)

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SURELY, God our Father hath drawn us here, for Jesus Himself hath said, that none can come unto Him except the Father, which hath sent Jesus, draw Him. Surely, God the Spirit hath inclined our souls to come here; for it is He that hath put an hungering and thirsting in our souls after Jesus, and which none but Jesus Himself can satisfy. And, surely, God the Son hath [drawn] us here; for Jesus did promise that when He was lifted up He would draw all to Him! O precious testimonies of a precious covenant God in Christ. Here then we are come; and may the Lord give all His people a gracious welcome!

— Robert Hawker

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Samantha Spring, January 9th

Sovereign Grace Church, New Caney / Grace Conference

Elio Chay, Pastor of Seguidores de Cristo,
Dzidzantun, Mexico

*Friday, February 23rd @ 7:30 pm,
Saturday, February 24th @ 11 am,
Sunday, February 25th @ 11 am*

Resources

VISIT our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

The Night Before His Death

“...the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread:”

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

That dreadful night before His death,
The Lamb, for sinners slain,
Did, almost with His dying breath,
This solemn feast ordain.

To keep the feast, Lord, we have met,
And to remember Thee;
Help each redeemed one to repeat—
For me He died, for me.

Thy sufferings, Lord, each sacred sign
To our remembrance brings;
We eat the bread and drink the wine,
But think on nobler things.

Oh, tune our tongues, and set in frame
Each heart that pants for Thee,
To sing, Hosanna to the Lamb,
The Lamb that died for me.

— Joseph Hart

Do This In Remembrance Of Me

“...this do in remembrance of me.” (1 Corinthians 11:24)

This do in remembrance of Me. What are we to remember? These are things of no great research; they are not hard and difficult, but such as we all may come up to the practice of in the administration of this very ordinance. Remember the unspeakable grace and love of God in setting forth Christ to be a propitiation [a sin atoning sacrifice of all our sins]. Remember the love of Christ who gave Himself for us, notwithstanding He knew all that would befall Him on our account: remember the [covenant] and agreement between the Father and the Son, that what was due to us—He should undergo, and the benefit of what He did—should redound to us: remember the greatness of the work He undertook for these ends; in the sufferings of His whole person, when He would redeem His church with His own blood. — John Owen

“For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood.” (Acts 20:27-28)

“Leave your own righteousness behind...”

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I PERCEIVE, the elements are upon the...table. And, I doubt not, many of you mean to present yourselves at [a] *throne of grace*, which God has mercifully erected in the *righteousness* and *sufferings* of His co-equal Son. Oh! beware of coming with one sentiment on your lips, and another in your hearts! take heed of saying, with your mouths, “We do not come to this Thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness;” while, perhaps, you have, in reality, *some* secret reserves in favour of that very self-righteousness which you profess to renounce: and think that CHRIST’S merit ALONE will not save you, unless you add something to make them effectual. Oh! be not so deceived: for God will not thus be mocked, nor will CHRIST thus be insulted, with impunity [under foot]. Call your works what you will, whether *terms*, *causes*, *conditions*, or *supplements*; the matter comes to the same point, and CHRIST is equally thrust out of His mediatorial throne, by these or any other similar views of human obedience. If you do not WHOLLY depend on JESUS, as *THE LORD YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS*; (Jeremiah 23:6) if you mix your faith in Him with any thing else; if the FINISHED work of the crucified JESUS, be not, *alone*, your acknowledged anchor and foundation of acceptance with the FATHER, both here and ever; come to His table, and receive the symbols of His body and blood, at your peril. Leave your own righteousness behind you, or you have no business there. You are without the *wedding garment*; and God will say to, you, *Friend, how camest thou here?* If you go, on, moreover, to live and die in this state of unbelief; you will be found speechless and excuse-less, in the day of judgment: when the slighted Saviour will say to His angels, concerning you, *Bind him, hand and foot, and cast him into outer darkness for many are called, but few chosen.* Matthew 22:12, 14.

On the contrary, you, who can sincerely say, “We do *not* come to Thee, trusting in our own righteousness,” but feel and confess ourselves to be “unworthy of so much as gathering up the crumbs under thy table;” in Thee alone do we seek to be *justified*, and in Thee alone do we *glory*; (Isaiah 45:25). Let such “draw near with faith, and take [remembering Him] to their comfort.” The Lord enable you to bring your sins, and your duties, and yourselves, and your all, to the Great Propitiation! May He wash us in His own blood, clothe us with His own righteousness, and seal us an holy people to Himself by His Spirit! Then shall we be acceptable guests at His table below; and ripen fast for the house of glory above: While this is *all* our plea, and *all* our song—Lord, I am not worthy to come under Thy roof, nor that Thou shouldest come under mine: but the *Lamb that was slain is worthy;* (Revelation 5:12) and my every particle of hope centers in Him, in His covenant; in His obedience, cross, humiliation, and exaltation. For the sake of *His* agonies, take away my iniquities: For the sake of *His* righteousness, receive me graciously: And in the mantle of *His* imputed merit may I be found; (Philippians 3:9) living, dying, at the judgment-bar; and to all eternity. *Amen.* — Augustus Toplady